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CONSTITUTION OF SPECIALISTS TEAM TO HELP BOTANICAL GARDENS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team of specialists has been constituted to extend help to the botanical gardens in each State;

(b) if so, whether each State has identified the locally available plants and their rare species and sent such proposals to the Indian botanical gardens for further consideration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to promote botanical gardens and to conserve the rare species of the plants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Ministry has constituted an Expert Group for consideration of proposals for assisting Botanical Gardens to promote ex-situ conservation of rare and endemic plants.

(b)&(c) The Botanical Survey of India maintains an inventory of both rare and endemic species of plants for a given phyto-geographic region. The applicants are expected to undertake ex-situ conservation of such species in the Botanical Gardens.

(d) Under the scheme on `Assistance to Botanical Gardens and Centres of Ex-situ Conservation', over 200 Botanical Gardens have been assisted so far. There is a provision of Rs.15 crores for this scheme during the current plan period. The allocation for current year is Rs.02 crores.